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E. O. 11652: GDS  
TAGS: PEPR IS EG  
SUBJ: THE RISING LEVEL OF RHETORIC

REF.: TEL AVIV 6201

1. I AM CONCERNED THAT ISRAELI-EGYPTIAN RHETORIC HAS ONCE AGAIN RISEN TO AN UNHELPFUL LEVEL. SADAT'S RUMBLINGS FROM CAIRO SUGGEST TO ISRAELIS THAT HE IS THREATENING WAR IF THE CURRENT STALEMATE CONTINUES. ISRAELIS, OF COURSE, THEMSELVES HAVE NOT ALWAYS KEPT THEIR TONGUES IN CHECK. (TEL AVIV 6201).

2. ALL THE SAME, SADAT'S JERUSALEM PLEDGE OF "NO MORE WAR" IS THE SINGLE MOST COMPELLING REASON FOR BEGIN TO FIND A WAY OUT OF HIS IDEOLOGICAL MAZE AND GET THE PEACE PROCESS BACK ON TRACK. IF SADAT FEELS THAT RAISING THE SPECTRE OF WAR IS THE WAY TO MOVE THE ISRAELIS - AND PARTICULARLY BEGIN - HE IS DEAD WRONG. INDEED, BEGIN HAS ALREADY COMMENTED PUBLICLY THAT SADAT'S SPEECH TO THE EGYPTIAN ARMY CONTRADICTED THE DECLARATION MADE IN JERUSALEM LAST YEAR, AND STRESSED THAT ANY THREATS IN THE COURSE OF THE NEGOTIATION PROCESS ARE "VERY REGRETTABLE." THUS, WE THOUGHT GAMASY'S COMMENTS YESTERDAY IN WASHINGTON DENYING THAT SADAT HAD THREATENED ANOTHER  
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ROUND OF WARFARE IF PEACE EFFORTS FAILED WERE A STEP IN THE RIGHT DIRECTION.

3. I WILL BE LOOKING FOR AN APPROPRIATE OPPORTUNITY TO CAUTION WEIZMAN, AND IN MY JUDGMENT IT WOULD BE USEFUL FOR AMB EILTS TO DO THE SAME WITH SADAT. TALK OF WAR SHOULD BE KEPT IN THE MESS HALLS. LEWIS

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